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Easton Historic District

MEETING MINUTES

MONDAY January 28th, 2019

Members Present: Kurt Herrmann – Chairman, Kelly Pezor - Vice Chairman, Kevin Gibson Kevin Bateman, Robert Arnouts and Grant Mayhew

Members Absent: Bill Wieland

Town Staff Present: Sierra Crist - Current Planner / GIS Analyst

Mr. Herrmann called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

Opening statement given by the Chairman.

The Commission operates under the authority granted to it by section 701 of the Town of Easton Zoning Ordinance. And, I hereby open the record of the public hearing on cases heard this evening and, in accordance with our legal responsibilities, I enter into the record the following items: notice of the public hearing, adopted design guidelines, resumes of commission members and any consultants used by the Commission, records of any previous meetings, and any letters to the Commission on a case.

The decisions of the HDC may be appealed within 30 days of approval. General Order of the hearing of Applications

Introduction of the application by the presiding officer

- Presentation by the applicant or his agent
- Questions by members of the Commission
- Public comment
- Petitioner rebuttal
- Discussion and consideration by the Commission
- Decision motion and statement of Basis for Decision

The applicant may withdraw the application at any time up to when the vote is taken. A Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse upon the expiration of the corresponding Building Permit. For applications that require a building permit but for which none is issued, this Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months after its issuance. In the event a building permit is not required, the Certificate of Appropriateness shall lapse six (6) months from its issuance if substantial work is not underway. For good cause shown, this period may be extended by the Commission.

I will now entertain a motion to accept the agenda for this evening.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson and seconded by Mrs. Pezor, the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the agenda for the 2019-1-28 meeting as submitted. The Commission proceeded with the agenda item for old business.

OLD BUSINESS:

6:03 p.m.

112-2018 31 South Locust Trevor Newcomb

6:03

Mr. Newcomb returned to the Commission with details on the standing seam for a rear addition and an update on the previous request for a porch addition. Mr. Newcomb stated that the porch addition is no longer a consideration at this time.

Mr. Herrmann asked the applicant to address the selected design in regards the standing seam and ridge distances.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Bateman the Commission voted 6-0 to approve the request with the following condition:

- The height of standing seam shall be one inch and distances between ridges shall be sixteen inches.

Historic District Guideline references: PG 55, R1, R2

NEW BUSINESS:

01-2019 1 East Dover Street Christian Chute

6:08 p.m.

Mr. Christian Chute was present on behalf of the request for a new wall sign and proposed awnings.

Mr. Chute stated that the awnings are no longer a consideration at this time. Mr. Chute added that he will return to the Commission with full detail if the awnings are further pursued.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mr. Gibson the commission voted 6-0 to approve the request for a wall sign as submitted and shown in option one and two.

Historic District Guideline references: PG 67, R1, R2

02-2019 211 Brookltts Ave Sharon Gotimer

6:12 p.m.

Mrs. Sharon Gotimer, Mr. Dan Gotimer, Mr. Bill Chessire and representatives from the window design company present on behalf of the request for an addition at the subject property. The addition will provide a first-floor bedroom, second floor closet and bathroom.

The roof of the addition is designed to be constructed in proportion with the structure of the existing house. The proposed windows, the rooflines and cornices and molding will match the existing structure. The existing side walk will be converted into a ramp for access to the addition.

Mr. Chessire added that the existing fence will remain. The front porch will include steel piers and be cantilevered to avoid harming the tree.

The applicants brought a full example window for the Commission to review.

Mr. Herrmann requested that the applicants return with more information for the windows, standing seam metal roof and the foundation.

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Bateman the commission voted 6-0 to approve the request as submitted with the following conditions:

- Cut sheets provided for each window proposed with a key to elevation drawing.
- Cut sheets provided for the standing seam metal roof.
- Cut sheets provided for the foundation.

Historic District Guideline references: PG 81-94

04-2019 106 South Street Academy Art Museum

6:29 p.m.

Ben Simons, Kathy McCoy and Steve Ziger were present on behalf of the request for an addition at the subject property. The applicants had been before the Commission in April 2018 for a preliminary discussion.

The applicants briefly described the nature of their request to construct an addition in the courtyard of the existing structure. The applicants had received a Maryland Historic Trust approval on 1/29/2019. A copy of this approval was provided to the Commission for the record.

Landscape materials and signage have not been decided yet. The applicants will return to the Commission with this information under a separate request.

Upon motion of Mr. Arnouts seconded by Mrs. Pezor the commission voted 6-0 to approve the request as submitted pending the submission of details as requested:

- Pavers and brick walkway material details.
- Storefront detailing.
- Landscape materials and signage have not been decided yet but will be filed under a separate HDC application when ready.

Historic District Guideline references: PG 81-94

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

18-128 22 South Harrison Street Chance Negri

6:36pm

Chance Negri was present on behalf of his request for a discussion item regar

Mr. Arnouts suggested the applicant should still attempt to satisfy the citation received from Code Enforcement by taking care of the exterior such as painting and cleaning up the outside or patching the roof. Mr. Arnouts added that the roof would be the main concern, to keep the water out of it while maintenance of the property can be decided on later.

Mrs. Pezor recommended the applicant look into grants for commercial properties.

The Commission suggested making a site visit to the property to then provide the applicant with a directed recommendation. The Commission will make a site visit on 2/4/2019 at 8am. No determination or formal decisions were made by the Commission as this was a discussion item only.

Mr. Batemen mentioned discussing with Historic Easton for more information on grant funding to help preserve the structure.

MINUTES AND ADJORNMENT:

2019-1-14 Meeting Minutes

6:50

Upon motion of Mr. Bateman seconded by Mr. Arnouts voted 6-0 to approve the minutes with one amendment submitted by Mr. Herrmann.

6:55

Upon motion of Mr. Gibson seconded by Mr. Arnouts, the Commission voted 6-0 to adjourn the meeting at p.m. and will meet again at the next regularly scheduled meeting on Monday February 11th at 6 p.m.